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SUBJ: NEW APPOINTMENTS IN THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC  
AFFAIRS AND FINANCE

1. ON MARCH 6 IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT HASHEM MA'ADI  
(ALSO WRITTEN MOADI) WOULD REPLACE AHMAD HOJATI AS  
UNDERSECRETARY IN CHARGE OF CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION IN  
THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE. HOJATI  
WAS NAMED UNDERSECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND  
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS IN THE SAME MINISTRY.

2. MA'ADI, WHO IS 38 YEARS OLD, HAS BEEN MANAGING  
DIRECTOR OF THE IRAN INTERNATIONAL FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS  
CORPORATION (IIFEC) SINCE EARLY 1975 AND EARLIER WAS  
DIRECTOR OF THE IRAN HANDICRAFT CENTER. MA'ADI, WHO  
SPEAKS EXCELLENT FRENCH AND ENGLISH, STUDIED IN TEHRAN  
PARIS, AND IN CALIFORNIA. AS HEAD OF IIFEC, HE WAS  
NOT REGARDED AS AN EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATOR BY THOSE  
MOST CONCERNED, INCLUDING EXHIBITION PARTICIPANTS.  
HE ALSO HAS GIVEN THE IMPRESSION THAT HE LOOKED AT  
THE U.S. TRADE CENTER AS A COMPETITOR -- ESPECIALLY  
AS REGARDS HIS SPECIALIZED EXHIBITIONS (SOME OF WHICH  
HAD RELATIVELY THIN PARTICIPATION) -- WHICH GIVES RISE TO  
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SOME TREPIDATION REGARDING HIS NEW ROLE AS HEAD OF AN  
ORGANIZATION THAT AFFECTS THE SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF  
THE TRADE CENTER. HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT CLEARLY IS A  
PROMOTION. MA'ADI'S SUCCESSOR IN THE IIFEC HAS NOT  
YET BEEN NAMED.

3. AHMAD HOJATI, BORN IN 1934, STUDIED IN IRAN, SWITZER-

LAND, AND FRANCE, WITH A PHD IN SOCIAL STUDIES FROM THE  
UNIVERSITY OF PARIS. PRIOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT AS HEAD  
OF CUSTOMS IN JANUARY 1975, HE SERVED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
OF CUSTOMS (1970) AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN TRADE.  
IN THE LATE 1960'S HE WAS ATTACHED TO THE IRANIAN  
ECONOMIC MISSION IN WASHINGTON. HIS ENGLISH IS GOOD.  
HIS NEW POST, WHILE IMPORTANT, IS NOT GENERALLY REGARDED  
AS AN UPWARD MOVE.  
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